IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Peter Arthur Tobler, et al.

Examiner: Jeffrey R. West

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For: A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR

MONITORING FACILITY DATA

Customer No.: 27128

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed October 20, 2008 and the Advisory Action mailed January 15, 2009, and within the sixth month for responding thereto and upon payment of the appropriate extension fees, please amend the above-identified application in accordance with the amendments and remarks as set forth herein. This Preliminary Amendment is filed in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) along with the appropriate extension fees.

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